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Soloway JCC inaugurates Ner Tamid Festival of the Arts

By Estelle Melzer

The Soloway Jewish Community Centre will inaugurate an exciting new community-wide event on the weekend of November 21 and 22 – The Ner Tamid Festival of the Arts.

"Ner Tamid means Eternal Light," explains festival chair Randi Sherman. "There is a Ner Tamid in every synagogue throughout the world, a light which is never turned off, symbolizing our Jewish values and beliefs."

"We thought Ner Tamid would be an appropriate name for the Soloway JCC's new festival because we want it to be a celebration of the eternal light of Jewish values – expressed through literature, drama, visual arts, intellectual debate and even comedy."

The Ner Tamid Festival will open on Saturday night, November 21 with a Jewish comic. In fact, this comic is not only Jewish – he's a rabbi!

Rabbi Bob Alper has been described as "the world's only practicing clergyman doing stand-up comedy ... intentionally".

His humor is funny enough for teenagers, clean enough for their grandparents and a hit with both Jews and non-Jews.

Alper has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *Come-*

dy Central and Showtime. The *New York Post* called him "a Jewish Bill Cosby".

Laughter has always been the Jewish people's "chicken soup for the soul" and one of our great survival tools. The entire family is invited to come out to the opening of Ner Tamid and enjoy the unique Jewish humor of Rabbi Bob Alper.

On Sunday, November 22, Ner Tamid will feature two dynamic speakers – players in different issues important to Jewish life in our times.

The morning speaker will be Howard Galganov, best known as the spokesperson for Canadian unity and English language rights in Quebec. He is currently the host of a daily radio talk show on CFQR in Montreal. Galganov will be discussing the struggle for English language rights taking place now in Quebec, an issue of vital importance to its Jewish community.

The afternoon speaker will be Robert Meeropol, the younger son of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, accused of spying for the Soviet Union during the hysteria of the McCarthy era and executed by the United States govern-



Rabbi Bob Alper is the featured entertainer at the Ner Tamid Festival of the Arts.

ment in 1953. Meeropol (he took the name of the couple who later adopted him), was six years old at the time his parents were put to death in the electric chair.

He says that what sustained him during and after the dark days of his parents' execution were the supportive educational and cultural advantages supplied by his adoptive parents. He has since started a foundation, the Rosenberg Fund for Children, to provide similar kinds of

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Locally raised UJA dollars help Jews a world away

By Estelle Melzer

For members of the Ottawa Jewish community, giving to the United Jewish Appeal Campaign is an autumn ritual. When asked, most people give without hesitation, not realizing how their small act can have a major impact on others' lives.

On September 15, a group of UJA donors had the privilege of learning firsthand how the dollars collected by communities such as ours have helped shape the lives and destinies of Jews a world away. They attended a UJA Women's Campaign program at the home of Susan Viner-Vered called Women of Valour, sponsored by By-blos Hair Design.

There they met two amazing "women of valour," Rachel Korazim and Genia Gitkas, representing different generations of Israelis. Each of these women's lives had been impacted by UJA-financed programs

and now each is working to positively impact the lives of other Jews throughout the world through the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI).

Ukrainian-born Genia, 23, ("call me Jenny") spoke first. Growing up totally assimilated, she stated that she thought of herself only as "a Ukrainian girl" until she applied for admission to the University of Kiev. She could not get accepted to the program of her choice because her passport identified her as a Jew. She begged her mother to find the money to bribe an official to change her passport to Ukrainian. "My mother did not have the money, and because of this," Genia stated, "I became a Jew."

She attended a university program partly financed by JAFI which included Hebrew and Yiddish studies. Although she

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A dream fulfilled: Succot in the Holy Land

Boys Town Jerusalem students from Ethiopia had long dreamed of celebrating Succot in Israel. Today their prayers are answered and they take special delight in carefully selecting their etrog and lulav, which they hold as they chant Psalms of Praise for reaching the Promised Land.

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VAAD REPORT

GERALD LEVITZ, CHAIR
MULTIPLE APPEALS COMMITTEE

Editor's note: Vaad President Barbara Farber has arranged to share her column, on occasion, with the chairs or presidents of the community's major beneficiary agencies or committees so that they can provide some insight into their operations.

With the 1999 UJA campaign well under way, we are reminded of the important role of fundraising in the Ottawa Jewish community.

In order to protect the annual UJA campaigns, vital funding of local agencies and the United Israel Appeal and to ensure that new fundraising is integrated with established campaigns of other organizations, the Multiple Appeals Committee (MAC), under the auspices of the Vaad Ha'Ir, continues to monitor and regulate fundraising activity in our Jewish community.

The committee operates under the mandate approved by the Vaad in December 1996. Copies of the MAC "Guidelines, Policies and Procedures for Orderly Regulation and Conduct of Fundraising Campaigns/Events" are distributed annually to all members of the Board of Trustees and are available to any organization on request.

The policies broadly stated are:

- The UJA of Ottawa continues to be the primary campaign of the Ottawa Jewish community. No fundraising activities, other than grandfathered events (traditional campaigns/events with a minimum of 10 years running), are permitted during the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa campaign "window" which commences on September 15 and ends on November 30 each year.
- The success of fundraising activities of the constituent members of the Vaad Ha'Ir is to be safeguarded.
- The fundraising campaigns of Israel-based organiza-

tions will be integrated into the Community Calendar.

• All fundraising organizations will continue to cooperate and interact in the best interests of the community by avoiding a multiplicity of conflicting campaigns.

Any organizations planning fundraising activities must submit an application to the MAC. Application for approval of major/capital campaigns (over \$100,000) must be submitted at least one year prior to the date of the campaign. For campaigns below \$25,000 the procedures are not as stringent as with larger campaigns. Early application is recommended since no publicity is permitted until the activity has been approved by the MAC.

Approval of applications is dependent on full and complete information being received from the applicant on a

timely basis. The MAC recognizes the potential for unusual requests and as such will be flexible and reasonable in these situations, always acting in the best interests of the entire community while applying the same rules to all organizations from Ottawa, Israel and elsewhere.

The Multiple Appeals Committee consists of a group of volunteers appointed by the Vaad and represents the diversity of our Jewish community. The MAC meets on a monthly basis to evaluate submissions for fundraising in the Capital Region and to date has approved 15 applications.

For more information on the Multiple Appeals Committee or for a fundraising application, contact Stacia Benovitch at the Vaad (798-4696, ext. 234).

60th anniversary of Kristallnacht on November 9

The 60th anniversary of Kristallnacht will be commemorated on November 9 at 7:00 pm at a memorial service presented by the Ottawa Shoah (Holocaust) Remembrance Committee of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre. The service will take place at Agudath Israel Synagogue, 1400 Coldrey Avenue.

On the night of November 9, 1938, anti-Jewish violence broke out throughout the Germany Reich. During "The Night of Broken Glass" synagogues were burned, Jewish businesses were trashed and looted and Jewish homes, schools and even cemeteries were destroyed.

Kristallnacht has come to stand for the final shattering of Jewish existence in Germany, and for an ominous harbinger of the Holocaust to come.

That infamous October night was seared into the memory of a young Berlin Jew, Maurice Schnitzer

Dr. Schnitzer will be the guest speaker at Ottawa's



The broken glass of the Jewish shops;
Berlin, Germany, November 10, 1938.

60th anniversary Kristallnacht commemoration, presenting a moving eyewitness account of the Night of Broken Glass in Berlin.

The program will also include readings, a children's choir and prayers.

For more information, call Esther Schvan at the Soloway JCC (798-9818).

Reflecting on the meaning of the holy days

The holidays of Tishrei are now part of our collective memory. Members of our community have gathered in synagogues and succot to celebrate, reflect and give thanks for our blessings. There will not be another opportunity for communal celebration until Chanukah. But we should not see the next two months as time off from Judaism. Rather we should use this time to reflect on the meaning of the holy days and to refocus our Jewish antennae away from self and toward others.

The most frequently expressed commandment in the Torah is the commandment which requires us to provide for the orphan, the widow, the stranger in the community. Thirty-six times this command is repeated - look out for the widow, the fatherless, the stranger in your midst, because we were slaves in the land of Egypt. Torah knew human nature. Knew that there would be a time when those former slaves would live in greater affluence and be attracted to idols. Knew that there might be a tendency to say, I got out of slavery, I did it on my own, they should be able to do it too. Thirty-six times we are enjoined to resist that aspect of our nature and be there to work for the welfare of society.

A requirement entered Jewish tradition that when a synagogue was built it had to be built with windows,



FROM THE PULPIT

RABBI STEVEN GARTEN
TEMPLE ISRAEL

so that we never forget the world out there. It could face Jerusalem as a parochial act, but it had to have windows so that it would be integrated in its own community.

We are all aware that our community is beset with problems. The economy may be flourishing for many at the higher end, but at the other end, there is more and more suffering. This is true in our Jewish community as well as the general community.

Over the next two months we will be asked by both the UJA and the United Way to look out of our windows and respond to the realities which surround us. Our response to these campaigns will go a long way in determining what meaning, what lessons we derived from the holy days. When these campaigns ask for your assistance, respond as if your own life depended on it, for in a real way it does.

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ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

Dr. Steven Fremeth – growing up Jewish in rural Quebec

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

By no stretch of the imagination was Dr. Steven Fremeth's a conventional Jewish childhood. For openers, the stark reality of growing up on a farm in rural Quebec meant the Ottawa dentist was denied the luxury of a formal Jewish education.

"My three children are Hillel graduates and I'm jealous of them," he says honestly. "Their going to Hillel was an education for me."

And, although he lived much closer to Laurentian Mountains summer camps than did his city peers, there was no opportunity to share in the Jewish camp experience. Summer meant there was work to be done.

Nonetheless, Steven Fremeth's formative years in the isolated farming community of St. Sophie are steeped in the richness of Jewish tradition.

"I grew up on a farm with cows, chickens, pigs and horses," he says. "Our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services would start after the cows were milked in the morning. We'd walk to the shul – you could see our barn through the shul's back window – daven, then run home in time to get the cows back in and milked in the evening. Cows, you must understand, are very labor-intensive."

"There was never a problem filling up the synagogue during the High Holy Days," says Steven. "Lots of our city cousins came up to share in the country service. The seating was separate, with the men sitting along one side of the shul and the women on the other side. We had a bimah and a Torah. To this day, a synagogue is still maintained and people still come back to daven at Yom Tov."

Fremeth remembers well walking around the small St. Sophie shul on Simchat Torah with a flag and an apple, and a Simchat Torah party so wild that a rabbi got drunk and shinnied up a pole to kiss the ceiling. And there were home-made doughnuts at Chanukah, joyful community Purim parties and the annual spring drive into Montreal with his father in their 1950 GMC truck to get the necessary matzos and other kosher Pesach foods from his maternal grandfather's Park Avenue store.

Steven Fremeth's paternal grandfather immigrated to Canada from Romania in 1905 and settled in the village of St. Lin des Laurentides. There, in that region north of Montreal acquired by the legendary Baron de Hirsch for Jewish immigrants, he opened a small store. Eventually his grandfather accumulated sufficient money to purchase a piece of land just outside the village of St. Sophie.

"It was bush really, the last strip of land at the base of the Laurentian Mountains," Steven says. "My father and his older brother literally cleared that land like pioneers. Then they farmed the land and raised chickens, cows, pigs, and broke horses from the West."

Steven, who turns 50 this month, first saw daylight in a Montreal hospital.



Dr. Steven Fremeth on a recent visit to the family farm now run by his younger brother.

tal on Simchat Torah, October 25, 1948. The third of four sons born to Sarah and the late David Fremeth, he was immediately whisked off to St. Sophie to grow up on the Fremeth farm.

"My mother was a city woman from Sherbrooke who had moved to Montreal," Steven laughs. "She married my father in 1941, didn't know one end of a cow from the other and suddenly found herself on a farm with no running water."

Two makeshift synagogues served the ten Jewish families who populated the nearby villages of St. Sophie and New Glasgow.

"When I was a kid, we had a broken down building in St. Sophie that served as our shul. The other shul was a room with a big table in Cottonberg's Hotel. Our High Holy Days services were held there, a lot of city relatives came up to daven there at Yom Tov and a yeshiva kid would come in to lead the services. As you can imagine, I got the shock of my life when I first saw a big city shul."

The Fremeths' Jewish neighbours included the Segals and the Goldbergs, the Rudys, Rosenbergs and Zaritskys, the Wolinskys, Gelmans, and the Rabinovitch and Goodz families. Most of the families were quite large. Some, like the Fremeths, were farmers. Others ran busi-

nesses.

"I remember one of the Goodz kids, Alvin, was the official lulav and etrog emissary on Succot, the festival of the harvest," Steven says. "On Succot, Alvin would get on his bicycle and ride along the gravel roads to all the Jews in the area. And I remember how my father would stop his harvesting in the middle of the field to make the blessing over the lulav and etrog and then he'd get back to work."

Fremeth spent his first three grades in a one-room school house taught by a Mrs. Mayberry. "I still remember her," says Steven. "She was great. In Grade 1, I had quite an argument with her because I insisted that New Year's was in September!"

In fourth grade he enrolled in the first class in St. Jerome's newly-opened elementary school. "We were bussed back and forth to that school in St. Jerome and when the bus got stuck, and believe me it did, the Jewish kids would sleep over at the nearest Jewish home."

Throughout the three months preceding his Bar Mitzvah, Steven bussed in weekly from St. Jerome to Montreal for his lessons. The country boy quickly learned the city bus routes to his teacher's home on Wilderton Avenue and those leading to his maternal grandparents' home on Park Avenue.

"I'd sleep over at my grandparents and bus back to St. Jerome in the morning," he says. "I learned my Parsha by rote and, interestingly, one of my sons had the same Parsha. My Bar Mitzvah, which was held in the St. Sophie shul, was one of the first big parties I ever attended."

As a student at Baron Byng High School in Montreal he experienced virtual culture shock. "The principal and vice-principal were the only people in Baron Byng who weren't Jewish," he says. "Imagine that for Jewish immersion!"

During high school and studies toward a BSc. in Biol-

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NAC celebrates "Israel at 50" in November

The National Arts Centre, Canada's premiere showcase for the performing arts, invites the Jewish community to a free viewing of the Academy Award-winning film *Exodus*, on the largest flat screen in Canada. The screening will take place November 15 at 7:00 pm. There is a limit of four tickets per person and they can be obtained in person at the NAC Box Office.

Adapted from Leon Uris's novel *Exodus*, the film, released in 1960, served to educate an entire generation about the creation and development of the modern State of Israel.

In conjunction with this event, the NAC has invited Colonel Yoash Tsiddon-Chatto to be the keynote speaker at a Gala Dinner prior to the viewing of the film.

As commander of a ship transporting scores of Holocaust survivors to Palestine

before the State was declared independent, Tsiddon-Chatto demonstrated great acts of heroism and courage. The character of Ari Ben Canaan, played by Paul Newman in the film, was loosely based upon Tsiddon-Chatto.

Born in Europe, Tsiddon-Chatto was not told until the Second World War broke out that he was a Jew. His mother told him that as a Jew he had deep roots in a country called Palestine and that it was his responsibility to explore his heritage. From the moment Tsiddon-Chatto arrived in Palestine, he dedicated his life to this land. Beginning in 1944, he was part of the underground movement to bring Holocaust survivors to Palestine. Once Israel was declared a state, he served in the air force, holding several senior positions. From 1988 to 1992, he was a member of

the Knesset, where he was active in foreign relations and economics, eventually serving as a member of the Madrid Peace Mission in 1991.

Former Prime Minister of Israel and Nobel Prize Winner Shimon Peres will grace the stage of the National Arts Centre on November 17 when he will discuss his involvement in the establishment of the State of Israel. He will be introduced by his dear friend Pinchas Zukerman, the NAC's newly appointed music director. It is due to their close relationship that Peres accepted this speaking engagement.

Shimon Peres was born in 1923 in Vishniev, Belarus, and immigrated to Israel in 1934.

In 1959, he was elected to Israel's parliament, the Knesset, and became deputy minister of defense.

In 1974, he replaced Moïse Dayan as minister of defense. During his term in office, he initiated the rescue of the Entebbe hostages in 1976 and created the "Good Fence" concept on Israel's border with Lebanon.

In 1977, following the resignation of Yitzhak Rabin, Peres became acting prime minister.

He proposed the establishment of a National Unity Government after the



Shimon Peres

1984 elections, rotating the position of prime minister with Yitzhak Shamir.

During his term as minister of foreign affairs, he started the negotiations with Jordan and conducted the Oslo negotiations between the Palestinians and the Israelis. Peres shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat for his efforts in advancing peace in the Middle East.

Following the assassination of Rabin in 1995, Peres served as prime minister and minister of defense. When the Labor Party was defeated, he served as head of the opposition until 1997 when he resigned.

In keeping with Peres's goal of achieving peace in the Middle East, he created the Peres Center for Peace with the aim of advancing Arab-Israeli joint ventures.

The Center is a non-partisan, non-profit organization committed to translating the opportunities afforded by Oslo's landmark peace accord into true coexistence and economic interdependence among the peoples of the Middle East.

The lecture begins at 8:00 pm and tickets at \$25, \$35, \$45 and \$55 can be obtained either in person at the NAC box office after 12:00 pm or by phoning Ticket-Master (755-1111).

Dr. Steven Fremeth . . .

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ogy at Sir George Williams University (now Concordia University), Steven lived at his grandparents' home in Montreal.

Education was a top priority in the Fremeth home, and Steven went on to the University of Western Ontario for graduate studies in Histology, returned to Sir George Williams to earn a Masters Degree in Ecology, then entered the McGill University School of Dentistry.

He met Rosalyn Mlynarski, the girl who became his wife, in a biology lab at Sir George Williams University. Steven was the instructor, Rosalyn one of his students. They have three children, Adam, 20, Howard, 18, and Robin, 14.

In 1978, Steven was invited to develop the CHEO Dental Department from its

inception and the Fremeths moved to Ottawa. Today he runs two clinics in CHEO providing care to medically compromised patients and, as well, works in the operating room. He also has a private dental practice.

These days, Steven's youngest brother, Irwin, who lives in Dollard Des Ormeaux, commutes to farm the land his father cleared so many years ago. "Livestock is very labor-intensive, so he's growing carrots and cash crops, and doing turf farming," says Steven.

Dr. Steven Fremeth's memories of a rural Jewish childhood are rich, indeed. And, through his children, he has managed to acquire the finer points of the in-depth Jewish education inaccessible to him in his youth.

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Many People ... Many Roads ... One Heart

Tamir Foundation ... providing quality of life in a Jewish environment

It has been a long, often difficult journey for Rachel, a 37-year-old member of our local community. But the road ahead seems much smoother.

When she was a baby, doctors diagnosed Rachel with a developmental disability. In those days, it was believed that individuals like her were better off raised in a specialized institutional setting. When she was five years old, her parents decided they could best show their love for Rachel by placing her in the Rideau Regional Centre in Smiths Falls, where she would receive the care she needed.

Rachel did receive quality care, but grew up apart from her community and family. This year, after 32 years of institutional life, Rachel was reunited with both. She is one of hundreds of individuals with developmental disabilities

returned to their communities through a province-wide initiative.

Rachel and four other Jewish individuals who spent much of their lives in institutions now live in a new home, run by the Tamir Foundation. They live on Broadview Ave. across the street from the Jewish Community Campus.

Rachel is a going concern. At Tamir's third annual seder this year, she celebrated Pesach for the first time. She is a familiar face on Broadview, eagerly waiting to go on outings with the Tamir gang or enjoying a neighborhood stroll. She will soon be attending Tamir's new day program on Campus. But best of all is the expression on her face when she and her family are together.

"Rachel lights up at the sight of her family," says Elisa Wyatt, supervisor of the Broadview home. "It makes all our efforts worthwhile."

Tamir is the sole organization in Ottawa-Carleton established to promote quality of life for

Jewish individuals with developmental disabilities. It provides around-the-clock support and housing in a Jewish environment to more than 30 individuals with developmental, physical, psychiatric and other disabilities, and provides services to 20 others on an outreach basis.

"It takes considerable resources to enable people with developmental disabilities to take their rightful place in the mainstream of our Jewish community and the community at large" says Mark Palmer, Tamir's executive director. "We help make it happen thanks in large part to the generous support of our community."

For some, that sense of belonging and attachment can be as simple as the taste of Jewish cooking, which Tamir's new residents recently enjoyed on Rosh Hashanah.

Tamir – Hebrew for upright, well-rooted tree – provides support vital to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. It is an important local beneficiary of UJA funds.

Cabinet members ... dedicated volunteers

The backbone of the UJA Ottawa campaign is the tireless work of our dedicated volunteers. Here's why some of them are involved:

Solly Patrontasch, co-chair Major Donors' Division

This is Solly's second straight year as a UJA volunteer. He says he wants to give more than just a financial contribution to this community. Time is at a premium for the busy Andersen Consulting Partner, but he volunteers for both the UJA and the local United Way campaign. "It's a way of giving back time and effort to the community," he says.



Ingrid Levitz, chair Women's Division

Ingrid's father, Leon Gluzman, escaped from Poland, lost all of his family in the Holocaust, and was lucky enough to end up in Ottawa. She says she feels grateful and privileged to have been born and raised in this community. Volunteering for UJA – as she has for 25 years – is one way that she expresses that gratitude. "I do it because I feel a strong sense of commitment to our community."



Genia's Story relates journey of self-discovery

In the dying days of the Soviet era, in a small Ukrainian town five hours from Kiev, one young Jewish woman saw her heritage as a hindrance, not as a source of pride.

That young woman is Genia Gitkis. She recently spoke at a UJA-sponsored event in Ottawa about her transformation from assimilated Ukrainian teenager to dedicated Israeli immigrant. (Her story can be found on page 1.)

Genia's moving discovery of, and growing pride in, her Jewish identity was a result of contact with the Jewish Agency for Israel. Without that contact, Genia, and other young Jews like her in the for-

mer Soviet Union and around the world, would be lost to World Jewry.

The Jewish Agency is one of many important international beneficiaries of your contribution to the UJA campaign. Four years after making aliyah, Genia herself works for the Jewish Agency. She has returned several times to the former Soviet Union to counsel other students who are struggling with their own Jewish identity in difficult circumstances.

At her speech in Ottawa, Genia thanked UJA donors for their support of programs that helped on her journey of self-discovery.

"I am glad to speak to you



Genia Gitkis

knowing that we will be partners in helping Jews that are still living in many countries," Genia said. "Our involvement will change their lives like it changed mine."

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MAILBAG

More on David Epstein

Dear Editor,

The recent story on David 'Davie' Epstein brought back some old memories. 'Davie', in his retirement years, was an habitu  of the Honey Dew restaurant on Sparks Street between Metcalfe and Elgin Streets. I recall his telling the real story behind his rise to success as a property developer, and, incidentally, how and why he became the largest single private stockholder in the (then) Canadian Bank of Commerce.

'Davie' had opened his own tailoring shop with great success. He was a regular depositor at the 'Commerce', and eventually had saved \$500. Having found a property he was convinced would be a moneymaker, he went to see the bank manager. He explained his proposal to the manager and asked for a matching \$500 from the bank, which would give him the \$1,000 he needed to buy the property.

"Do you have any collateral?" asked the bank manager. "My \$500, which is in my account," replied Davie.

The manager patiently explained that that was not enough, but that, if Davie had no more collateral, he could obtain a co-signer!

Davie left the bank very disconsolate. He walked to Parliament Hill, behind the Library, where he often ate his lunch. The gardener and he had become good friends and the latter, concerned by Davie's apparent unhappiness, asked him what was the matter. After hearing Davie's tale of woe, the gardener said, "I'll sign the note,



David Epstein

if that will help!"

Elated, Davie took the signed note back to the bank, got the loan, bought the property and never looked back!

Davie told me this story a number of times and I recall asking the manager (a new one by then) if Davie really was asked to the bank's annual meeting as its largest private stockholder. The manager confirmed this; the deference with which the staff treated him gave great credence to this fact.

Another side of Davie was his generosity to the Ottawa Boys' Club, operated then by the legendary Fred McCann. Davie soon became one of the club's strongest supporters and I think it is one of the charities which he included in his will.

For the 18-odd years that our paths crossed almost daily in the Honey Dew, Davie would invariably tell me, "Tomorrow I will buy you a cup of coffee." He still owes me one!

Possibly Davie's best-known building is the Ambassador Court which borders on Central Park in the Glebe. It has always been a striking piece of architecture, and at the time of its building may have been the largest apartment block in Ottawa. I think the Epsteins lived there for some years, too.

I hope this spurs other oldtimers to reminisce about their part in stories such as this!

Elliott Gluck

Need for Retirement Residence?

Dear Editor

As always, the column From The Pulpit (August 24) is inspirational.

Rabbi Bulka commends the Ottawa Jewish community leadership on its achievements, and gives voice to the appreciation of the community.

He lists the concerns that the community has taken into account and suggests that these have been given

comprehensive coverage. May I suggest that there is one area still to be given serious consideration. There is a need for a Retirement Residence at or near the Campus. This would answer the wishes of numerous active Jewish seniors.

When all else is in place, let us hope that the need for a facility of this kind will be addressed by the Vaad.

Pearl Greenberg

Improve nutritional content of food

Dear Editor:

About 20 years ago, a research study tested the Ashkenazi Jewish community for Tay-Sachs carriers, to prevent the birth in Ottawa of one child every few years with this fatal, recessive hereditary disease. Yet, at the same time, both the JCC and synagogues allowed smoking, which was harming and killing many more children and adults.

On Rosh Hashanah, synagogues distributed a flyer about a colon cancer research study on the Ashkenazi Jewish community. I would like to see a strong initiative to improve the nutritional content of the food in the schools, synagogues and various events of the Jewish community. This would decrease the chances of not only colon cancer, but also of heart disease, gallstones, diabetes and many other conditions which are now linked to poor nutrition.

Irma Cohen

Letters welcome

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Official opening of Archives to take place on October 18

These are exciting times for the Ottawa Jewish Archives.

Plans and blueprints have now been translated into a state-of-the-art new home in the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building and the first phase of the fund-raising campaign is complete with the preliminary goals being met.

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The entire community is invited to the official opening of the Archives on Sunday October 18 at 7:30 in the Social Hall of the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building.

Ner Tamid Festival of the Arts

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support to children of persecuted political activists.

Ner Tamid will also have a full line-up of children and youth programming. Back by popular demand will be a Teen Coffee House featuring local Jewish bands, on Saturday night at the Dancing Mermaid.

Sunday will feature the original Mad

Science Show from Montreal. Mad Science will present two workshops for different age groups and one spectacular show for the entire family. The younger set can also enjoy a show by the Purple Dragon Puppet Theatre, now on tour in Singapore.

A Book Fair, Craft Exhibit and Art Show will round out the Ner Tamid line-up of events.

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Elected B'nai Brith international senior VP

After 30 years of service to B'nai Brith, Moishe Smith was elected senior international vice-president at the organization's biannual convention in August in Jerusalem.

B'nai Brith, a worldwide Jewish organization with members in 57 countries, has five senior international vice-president positions, the second-ranking volunteer post after international president.

As a past president of B'nai Brith Canada, Moishe had worked to combat anti-Semitism and to improve Canada-Israel relations. He has been especially active in the political realm as vice chair of B'nai Brith's Center for Public Policy, as a former chair of the B'nai Brith International Council and as a member of the B'nai Brith International Board of Governors.

Moishe has also served as chair of B'nai Brith's Young Leadership division. In 1986, he received the Label A. Katz Award, B'nai Brith International's highest honor for outstanding young leadership.

In Ottawa, he belongs to B'nai Brith's Parliament Lodge.



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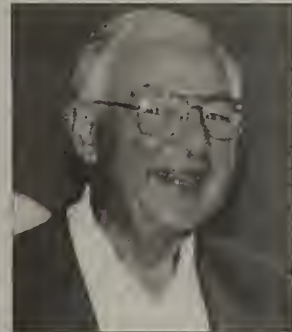
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Stan Katz appointed UJA vice-chair



Stan Katz

The UJA campaign recently got a powerful boost from a veteran community activist. UJA chair Linda Nadolny-Cogan has announced that Stan Katz has assumed the post of campaign vice-chair.

"Stan brings to the campaign a wealth of knowledge about our community," she says. "On top of that, he's a very committed, very warm human being - compassionate, dedicated and a delight to be around." Stan's wealth of knowledge is impressive. He has been intensely involved with the Ottawa community, both Jewish and non-Jewish, for almost half a century.

After a stint in the Air Force bomber command during the Second World War and then earning a degree at Queen's University, the Cornwall native came to Ottawa in 1950. The first Jewish high school teacher in the city, Stan was instrumental in getting school boards across Ontario to recognize religious holidays for non-Christian teachers.

He had a distinguished career as an educator, serving as a teacher, vice-principal, principal, superintendent and finally Director of Education of the Carleton School Board. His commitment to education was matched by his commitment to the local Jewish community. Stan has been director of Camp B'nai Brith of Ottawa, president of Agudath Israel Synagogue, chair of the Talmud Torah Board, president of the local chapter of B'nai Brith and a long time

UJA volunteer.

"He loves being with people and he has a big heart," says his daughter, Vaad President Barbara Farber. "Plus, he loves the community. You put that all together and you've got the perfect representative."

This is not the first time the grandfather of eight has come out of retirement to heed his community's call. Stan's experience as an educator and his dedication to the community previously came together when he became director of education at Hillel Academy.

"I thought I would help out at Hillel for one or two years. It ended up being 10," he says. "Many of my former students have grown up to become community leaders." His daughter says his connection with children is so strong that he still gets mobbed by kids when he returns to Hillel. "He's like the Pied Piper."

Stan's goals for the UJA campaign are as straightforward as his commitment is strong.

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Barb and Ian Webster on the birth of their granddaughter by Barb Greenberg and Barry Bokhaut.

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Machzikei Hadas presents third annual art and music show

By Pat Binder

Talent 759, the third annual art and music show held at Machzikei Hadas, will take place between 1 and 6 pm on Sunday, October 18. A Silent Auction has been added to the show and includes donations by artists and artisans.

Artistic participants in the show are: Ahuva Krieger, Stephanie Moore, Roslyn Postner, Dov Vinograd, Paul Shapiro, Elie Benzaquen, Elena Keen, Lily Tobin, Esther Schvan, Roz Tabachnik,

Sam Lewinshtein, Linda Goldberg, Claire Cohen, Stephanie Avery, Dora Litwack, Deborah Mirsky Cosman, Caroline Baylin, Malca Goldstein, Lina Yachnin, Avril Bright, Wilma Pinkus, Sharon Brodo Smith, Buddy Shizgal, Janet Agulnik, Zena Pearl, Rochelle Greenberg, Shirley Sheinfeld, Joe Murray, Herschel Payne, Manya Greenberg, Sara Shabsove, Irving Gencher, Lila Robbins, Carol Steinberg, Leah Gencher, Daphna Lewinshtein, Devora Shapiro and

Aaron Yachnin.

The musical portion of the show features Daniel Srugo, Eric Wilner, Alex Wilner, Lila Klaiman, Judy Tenenbaum, the Akiva High School Band, the Akiva High School Choir, the Pot Luck Records, Nigel Harris, Sarit Harris and Ellie Leyman.

Admission to Talent 759 is \$5.00 and includes refreshments and door prizes. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Most of the artists' and artisans' work is for sale.

Veteran educator joins Torah Academy

David Bates, an educator with over 34 years experience, has been welcomed to the Torah Academy of Ottawa staff as vice-principal.

After 18 years as principal and eight years as vice-principal of Philemon Wright High School, a school with 1,000 to 1,500 students, he finds Torah Academy with less than 100 students a refreshing change of pace. He looks forward to the challenge of using his administration skills in a smaller, but growing, setting.

"When the opportunity at Torah Academy came up, I was thrilled to get involved," he said.

In 1994, Bates officially retired as

an educator and went on to serve as a school trustee for three years. He enjoys staying active and plays racquetball at the national level, plus softball and the odd round of golf.

Located on Prince of Wales Drive, Torah Academy of Ottawa is a day school teaching children from Junior Kindergarten level through to Grade 8. For more information on the school, call Rabbi Mordechai Fried (274-0110).

Volunteers are needed to assist with students ages 5 to 14 during the school day. As well, the school is in need of science equipment. Call the school if you can be of assistance.



David Bates

Mazal Tov!

It's twin girls!

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On that evening world-renowned Cantor Yaacov Motzen will entertain the honoree, his family, friends and admirers with a thrilling selection of songs especially chosen for the occasion.

"The entire evening is geared to celebrate Israel's 50th anniversary and to pay a well-deserved tribute to Moshe Feig, a man who played a vital part in the winning of the State's independence," says Dinner Campaign Co-Chair Marion Mayman.

"Cantor Motzen has graciously consented to perform as part of the tribute to our worthy honoree. Those already acquainted with Yaacov Motzen's incredible talent know very well what a stunning performance they can expect," Mayman adds.

Cantor Yaacov Motzen is one of those rare individuals singled out to become a legend in his time. For many years he served as chazzan to Montreal's Shomrim LaBoker and Adath Israel Congregations. He recently moved to Toronto as chazzan of Congregation Shaar Hashamayim.

"Montreal's loss is definitely Toronto's gain," says Negev Dinner Co-Chair Golda Feig Steinman. "My father is absolutely delighted that Chazzan Motzen will be part of the JNF evening in his honor. Dad is one of the cantor's biggest fans."

"Ned and I had the pleasure of hearing Chazzan Motzen daven Shacharit at Simchat Torah in Montreal at Adath Israel Congregation. On that occasion, he gave a performance that we would have gladly paid \$90. at the NAC to hear. His talent is magnificent. His personal charisma is without equal. His will be a stirring musical program."

Cantor Motzen's long-time pianist, Stephen Glass, will accompany the eminent singer.

The 1998 Negev Dinner honoring Moshe Feig is taking place on Thursday, October 29 at Agudath Israel Congregation. The honoree is known to his business associates, his family and friends as a man of few words but of many deeds. Behind Feig's gentle and modest demeanor lies a determined and committed survivor and family man. His dedication to his family, friends and community is well known and appreciated by all who know him.

The funds raised in the 1998 Negev Dinner Campaign will be directed toward the building of a rest area situated very close to the memorial commemorating the fallen soldiers of the Alexandroni Brigade. The Alexandroni Brigade was the unit in which Moshe served during Israel's War of Independence and which was involved in some of the most difficult battles of the War.

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Gary Mokotoff to present "Tracing Your Jewish Family Roots" at November meeting of JGSO

By Marjorie Feldman

Have you every wanted to trace your "roots" and preserve your family's history?

Plan to hear Gary Mokotoff, noted Jewish genealogist, speak on "Tracing Your Jewish Family Roots" at the November meeting of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Ottawa (JGSO). This is being held on Thursday, November 5 at 7:30 pm at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue. The community is invited to attend. The fee for non-members of the JGSO is \$5.00.

The study of genealogy has mushroomed across the Jewish world involving all generations in pursuit of their family histories. With the aid of the Internet and an increasing number of resources, family trees are growing and thriving. Tremendous satisfaction and spiritual renewal is being derived from connecting to one's past and to family members who share a collective heritage and history.

In his talk, Mokotoff will dispel what he considers the two great myths of Jewish genealogy, that no one remembers and that all the records were destroyed in the Holocaust. In tracing his own personal history, he has documented more than 1,000 descendants of his great-great-grandfather, a merchant from Warka, Poland. Mokotoff was able to accomplish this research by realizing that "people do remember, you just have to ask the right questions," and far from all the records being destroyed, there is a wealth of historical records available, "you just have to know where to look for them."

Mokotoff is a past president of the Association of Jew-



Gary Mokotoff

ish Genealogical Societies, the confederation of some 60 Jewish Genealogical Societies throughout the world. He is publisher of *AVOTAYNU*, the magazine of Jewish genealogy; co-author of "Where Once We Walked," a gazetteer which provides information about 22,000 towns in Central and Eastern Europe where Jews lived before the Holocaust and author of "How to Document Victims and Locate Survivors of the Holocaust."

This is the first major program undertaken by the Jewish Genealogy Society of Ottawa which was founded in 1995 by a core of dedicated and enthusiastic members. The society's first president was Lawrence Tapper who is a professional archivist and Head of the Manuscript Division at the National Archives and has written extensively on Jewish genealogy in Canada.

The Jewish Genealogy Society of Ottawa meets monthly, usually at the City of Ottawa Archives. Annual membership is \$20. For new members who join on or before November 5, there will be no charge to attend Mokotoff's lecture.

For further information on the program membership, call JGSO President Charles Lapkoff (723-5114) or e-mail (lapkoff@netrover.com).

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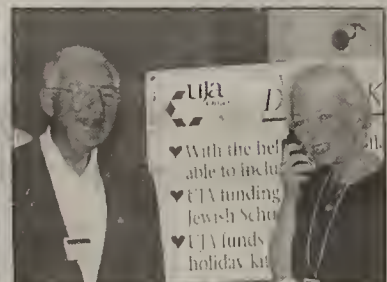
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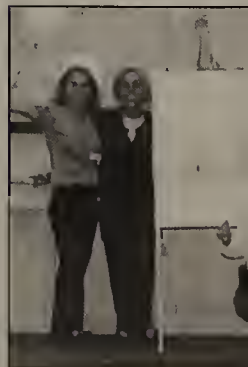
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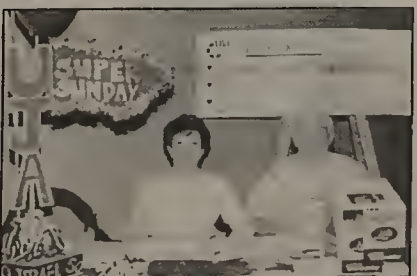
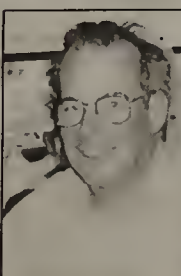
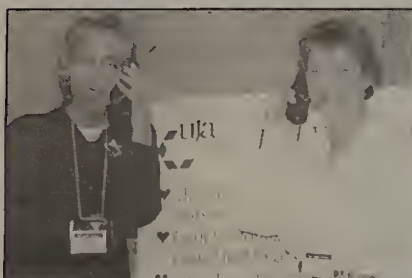
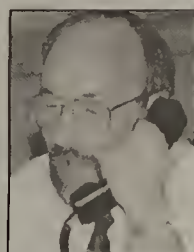
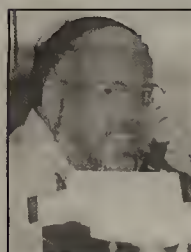
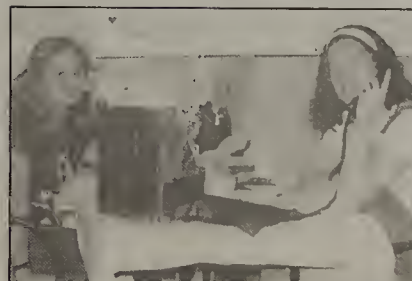
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ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

UJA helps Jews a world away

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had initially rejected her Jewishness, she gradually became involved with the Jewish activities on campus and finally visited Israel on a JAFI-sponsored program. It was an emotional trip which convinced her that she wanted to make aliyah. Back in Kiev, she became an activist in the Jewish student movement, studied Judaism at night by herself and then passed on the information she learned to others.

She also passed on her awakened Jewish fervor to her mother, who subsequently left her teaching post to become the JAFI aliyah coordinator in Ukraine.

Genia made aliyah in 1994 and will be starting her MA in Educational Counselling this fall. She currently works for the Aliyah Movement at JAFI, helping other Jews in the former Soviet Union discover their Jewish identity. "For sure, without the money raised by people such as yourselves, I would never have become a Jewish girl," she states.

Israeli-born Rachel Korazim is the head of Professional Development and In-Service Training in JAFI's Department of Jewish Education and Culture in the Diaspora. She also coordinates JAFI's Jewish Education Program in Hungary.

Her choice of profession, she feels, was dictated by her family history. "I am a sabra," she stated, "because of the Jewish Agency." Her pregnant mother fled Hungary at the end of the Second World War ("my grandmother refused to let me be

born on Hungarian soil") as part of Operation Exodus, the Jewish Agency's illegal immigration operation. Captured and interned on Cyprus, her mother was released and made it to Palestine only days before Rachel's birth.

Rachel talked movingly about her return to Hungary in recent years as a JAFI professional, helping Jewish communities set up schools and relearn how to be Jewish. She recounted the story of one such school in Budapest.

"It was a Friday and at the end of the day, I said 'Shabbat Shalom' to my Hungarian colleagues. No one in the room - none of the teachers and organizers of this new school - knew what those words meant. Today the woman who asked me for an explanation is now principal of a thriving school with 400 students, and every Friday afternoon she stands at the door and says 'Shabbat Shalom' to each child.

"Without your UJA dollars supporting JAFI's educational outreach, this school would not have existed," she concluded.

"Approximately 20% of UJA money raised in Ottawa goes overseas to help Jews in need throughout the world - Jewish education, food packages, aliyah support and more," explained UJA Women's Campaign Co-chair Ingrid Levitz.

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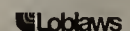
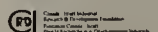
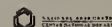
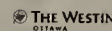
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Benjamin Feinstein celebrates his 100th birthday

By Rafi Aaron

Editor's note: Benjamin Feinstein's life story has been recounted in the travelling exhibit and book A Seed In The Pocket Of Their Blood. The exhibit explores such themes as Jewish life in Europe, immigration to North America, the Holocaust and love and war in the land of Israel by combining the poetry of Rafi Aaron with a photograph taken by one of a number of internationally acclaimed Canadian and Israeli photographers. (Ottavians had the opportunity to view the photo/poetry exhibit at last year's Arts Alive.) Aaron, who lives in Toronto, is the grandson of Benjamin Feinstein and the son of Ruth and Irving Aaron. A poem from his book appears below.

The saying "may you live in interesting times" definitely applies to the life of Benjamin Feinstein, who will be turning 100 years old on Saturday, October 17. He has lived through pogroms, the Russian Revolution, been a refugee in Romania, survived the Depression in Western Canada, married a kindred spirit, played an active role in the B'nai Jacob Synagogue, watched the city of Ottawa grow, as well as his four children, 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren while remaining committed to the Jewish religion and the State of Israel.

Feinstein was born in the small Russian village of Taplik in 1898. His birthday is celebrated according to the Jewish calendar on the Saturday that corresponds to the reading of Parshat Bereshit. He is the eldest in a family of 10 children. Prior to the Russian Revolution, Taplik experienced pogroms. This instilled in Benjamin a yearning for the rebuilding of a Jewish homeland. These thoughts would later be nurtured by the advent of the Balfour Declaration and by personally listening to speeches from such great Zionist thinkers as Nachum Sokolov.

In 1919, he and a small group of teenagers attempted to flee Russia for Romania. He was caught by the Bolsheviks and temporarily imprisoned. The Bolsheviks reiterated their position that Russia was going to be a better place for Jews, however, this was tempered with the threat that if they were caught trying to escape a second time they would be shot. While he had seen the Bolsheviks defend Jews in his own village, he was not convinced that a new Russia would be a better one. The group agreed to attempt another escape to Romania and this time was successful.

It had been agreed that one of Benjamin's younger brothers, Gresha, would follow him if he arrived safely in Romania. However, there were complications and the borders were sealed tight. Their next

meeting would be in Ottawa in 1979 when the authorities in the Soviet Union allowed Gresha to visit his brother. In a two-week period both men tried desperately to catch up on over 60 lost years.

Benjamin was a refugee in Romania for four years. During this time he joined a group of halutzim that was preparing to go to Palestine. As a refugee he was engaged in manual labor and odd jobs. A week prior to the boat leaving with his group for Palestine, he became ill at work and was too sick to travel. A short time later, Canada decided to take in 5,000 refugees, of which he was one.

In 1924, he arrived in Winkler, Manitoba, not far from Winnipeg. During his time there he worked in a dry goods store and as a travelling salesman. In 1926, he met Frieda Dickstein, a Jewish immigrant from Poland and they were married in the same year. Their first two children were born in Winkler. Miriam, the eldest daughter, married the late Nat Levitin and Ruth married Irving Aaron, both of Ottawa. These were difficult financial times for the Feinsteins. Benjamin would often recount how demeaning it was for him when he had to buy an orange on credit after a doctor had told him his baby daughter needed vitamin C. To this day, he is grateful to Isaac Sirluck and Morris Goldberg, two Jewish men whose kindness and generosity helped the Feinsteins survive those early years in Canada.

In 1930, the Feinsteins moved to Ottawa and opened a grocery store at the corner of Laurier and Kent Streets (where the Canadian Tire is currently located), which was called Laurier Provisions. In the ensuing years, two more children were born into the family. Another girl, Pearl, was born and she would marry David Moskowic. After three girls, their son Abraham was born. In celebration of their first male child the Feinsteins donated a Torah to the B'nai Jacob Synagogue. Abraham married Beverly Kavanat.

Benjamin and Frieda Feinstein's lives



Benjamin Feinstein

(Photo: Ruth Kaplan)

centred around Judaism and family. During the holidays, these two key components of their lives became intertwined at their home on Gilmour Street, with children and grandchildren seated around the family table.

Their love for religion was expressed through their involvement with the B'nai Jacob Synagogue. Benjamin was the vice-president of the synagogue from 1956 to 1970 and both he and Frieda were involved in every facet of the synagogue ensuring it was spiritually and physically sound. Reuben Kalin, a past president of B'nai Jacob, noted that the Feinsteins' dedication to the synagogue, extended the active life of the synagogue by a number of years. In 1970, the synagogue amalgamated with Beth Shalom.

In 1986, Frieda Feinstein passed away. Benjamin's love and loss for his partner in

life is often expressed to his grandchildren by saying, "We had a wonderful life. I only wish that your lives will be as good."

Benjamin Feinstein lives an active life. He reads several newspapers to keep informed on developments in the Jewish world and the State of Israel. His memory is remarkable. He can recall without even trying, the names of neighbors from 80 years ago or the year that a given event took place in his life. He davens three times a day and marks the seasons through his preparations for each Jewish holiday. He has a positive attitude, a good sense of humor and relies on a number of short one-liners to get him through difficult times.

His family and the community send him special greetings on his 100th birthday and wish him continued health and happiness. "Ud mayah V'esrim."

My Grandfather and the Blues

*as the cantor holds the last high note
the performance is over
the people smile
and my grandfather
leans over to tell me
"pray putting your soul
into words not some sweet melody"*

*i think about his life
a village in Russia
where a member of the congregation
chanted
the holy texts*

*shouting leaping crying
by the river that divides
this world from the next
and later at B'nai Jacob
where the cantor stood before all
his head leaning back
while his hands spoke to the L-rd*

*i turn away unconvinced, then i think
of the blues
how a song is (never sung
but) stomped, broken, shattered
as tiny pieces*

*pierce the vocal chords, how notes and
words are dragged
through country back roads and
there is only dust
in the throat or the severing of a cord
as a spear strikes the heart
and how sometimes it is my grandfather
in synagogue
rocking back and forth
on the edge of a cliff
calling out to the world with everything
he's got
except his voice*

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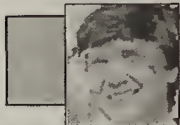
• That over 200 Jewish families receive financial aid from the JFS/UJA Tikvah Fund, approximately \$150 a month.

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KID LIT

Classic stories transcend time and place



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The major characteristic explaining the endurance and resilience of legends and folklore is the fact that the authenticity of their themes transcends time and place. Regardless of the culture that gave birth to them, they come alive and are enjoyed again and again and again.

You Never Know:

A Legend of the Lamed-vavniks

By Francine Prose

Pictures by Mark Podwal

Greenwillow Books 1998

Unpaged Ages 5 and up.

You Never Know: A Legend of the Lamed-vavniks is the third successful collaboration between author Francine Prose and illustrator Mark Podwal. Their other two children's books, *Dybbuk: A Story Made in Heaven* and *The Angel's Mistake: Stories of Chelm* were also fresh versions of classic Jewish stories.

This time the collaborators have put their considerable talents to work on the legend of the *Lamed-vavniks*, the 36 righteous individuals, traditionally male, responsible for the well-being of the world. The identity of these individuals is secret. Often, however, they are recognized after the fact by their deeds.

In this story the town of Plotchnik is experiencing a 40-day drought. Despite fancy prayers for rain from all the influential town elders the drought continues. Finally Poor Stupid Schmuel the Shoemaker, scorned by all, raises his voice in a simple request.

Almost immediately "raindrops tap the roofs ... "and continue for the next 40 days. Again the elders pray, this time for the rain to stop. But their flowery prayers are in vain. God only responds to Schmuel's plea.

"Why does God listen to Poor Schmuel and not to us?" the people wonder. The rabbi promises to solve the mystery. That night he dreams about 36 candles in a variety of menorahs and "a door in the sky bordered by thirty-six stars." Through the door the rabbi sees 36 men at a banquet table. Near the head of the table is Schmuel.

quiet table. Near the head of the table is Schmuel.

The next morning the rabbi announces that Schmuel is a *Lamed-vavnik* and explains what that means. Immediately the elders plan to make Schmuel a tourist attraction. But when they rush to his cobbler shop, Schmuel is gone. Months later a new shoemaker sets up in Plotchnik and the people are kind to him. They have learned *You Never Know*.

Mark Podwal's somewhat askew full-color gouache and colored pencil illustrations wrap the story in an aura of strangeness and reverence.

Especially noteworthy is his picture of 36 faceless *Lamed-vavniks*, including some women, going about their everyday tasks. It brilliantly captures the essence of the legend.

Terrible, Terrible

A Folktale Retold

By Robin Bernstein

Pictures by Shauna Mooney Kawasaki

Kar-Ben Copies, Inc. 1998

Unpaged Ages 5 and up.

How modern can an ancient story become and still retain the flavor of its birth? That's the question that immediately comes to mind when reading *Terrible, Terrible*, the most current and only contemporary version of the immensely popular Yiddish folktale about a house that is so small the rabbi is consulted about how its inhabitants can cope.

Previous Kid Lit retellings of this tale include Heather Forest's 1996 *A Big Quiet House*, Erica Gordon's 1991 *The Rabbi's Wisdom*, Margot Zemach's 1976 *It Could Always Be Worse* and Marilyn Hirsch's 1974 *Could Anything Be Worse*.

This time the troubled individual seeking the rabbi's help is Abigail. Her mother has just remarried and Abigail suddenly finds herself the youngest child in a blended family with four other siblings. Moving into her new stepfather's house Abigail finds it is so small and crowded that ...

After her parents agree they will try anything she suggests, Abigail consults



From Terrible, Terrible

her rabbi, a woman. Soon Abigail is bringing seven bicycles, three cats, two dogs, a rabbit, a guinea pig and cousins by the dozens into the house. *Terrible, Terrible*. Eventually the rabbi reverses her advice and the same household becomes "wonderful, wonderful better than ever."

Mayhem is the order of the day in Shauna Mooney Kawasaki's riotous pictures of bicycles on top of sofas, cats and dogs knocking over plants, an unseen rabbit and guinea pig leaving "signs of them everywhere" and cousins dancing so energetically the house is bursting at the seams. By contrast, pictures of Abigail and the rabbi are calm and serene.

Not only is this a humorous update of an old story, it's also a marvellous allegory for the turmoil that is reported as normal when a blended family starts living together. But let's stay with the surface story and simply say *Terrible, Terrible* is lots of fun.

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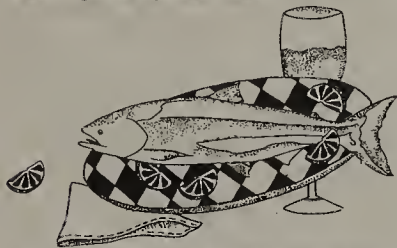
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Roasted Trout with Summer Vegetables

- 8 tbsp olive oil
- 2 small Italian eggplants, each cut in 6 slices
- Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 medium zucchini, cut diagonally into 12 slices
- 1 medium yellow summer squash, cut diagonally into 12 slices
- 3/4 cup shredded basil leaves
- 1 medium onion, cut in half and each half cut into 6 slices
- 1 large ripe tomato, cut in half and each half cut in 6 slices
- 4 whole trout, with heads removed, fins trimmed and boned
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Fresh basil leaves for garnish

Heat oven to broil. Lightly oil a foil-lined cookie sheet, lay the eggplant slices on it, sprinkle them with salt and brush 2 tbsp of olive oil over them. Broil the eggplant 4 to 5 minutes on each side, until browned but not blackened. Remove from the oven and let cool. Turn the oven down to 450°. Combine the zucchini and yellow squash in a bowl and toss with 4 tbsp of olive oil, 1/2 cup of the shredded basil and salt and pepper. Lengthwise on an oiled 10x15" baking pan, arrange the sliced vegetables in sets

consisting of 1 slice each zucchini, yellow squash, onion, tomato and eggplant laid in an overlapping pattern. You will have enough vegetables to make 3 rows with four 5-slice sets. Add any oil and basil remaining in the bowl to the vegetables. Bake the vegetables for about 25 minutes, until they are tender and any pan juices have evaporated. The vegetables may be baked several hours in advance and served at room temperature. Reheat the oven (or turn it down) to 400°. Season the cavity of each trout with salt and about a tablespoon of shredded basil. Sprinkle the lemon juice and some of the remaining olive oil over the trout and roast them for 5 minutes. Turn on the broiler and broil the trout, without turning them over, for 5 minutes or until done. Carefully transfer the trout to plates and arrange vegetables over the top and to one side. Decorate with fresh basil leaves. Serve at once.



Potato Strudel

- 6 large russet potatoes
- 3 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 2 tbsp minced parsley
- 2 tsp salt, or to taste
- 1 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- Pinch of grated nutmeg
- 12 sheets phyllo dough
- Unsalted butter, melted
- 1 cup sour cream, optional
- 1/4 cup chopped chives, optional

Heat oven to 450°. Wash potatoes well and pierce in several places with fork. Bake until tender, about 1 hour. Set aside until cool enough to handle. Cut lengthwise in half and scoop out pulp into large bowl. Mash pulp with fork or put through potato ricer. Melt 3 tbsp of the butter in large skillet over medium heat. Add onion; cook, stirring occasionally, until soft, about 10 minutes. Add to potatoes with egg, cheese, parsley, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Blend well. Let cool. (Filling can be prepared 1 day in advance and refrigerated.) Lay 1 sheet of phyllo on work surface long side facing front. Brush with melted butter. Lay second sheet on top and brush with melted butter. Repeat with 4 more sheets. Keep unused phyllo covered with wax paper and damp towel at all times. Shape half of the potato mixture into 2" thick log on the phyllo near one side, leaving 2" border. Fold in sides of

phyllo and roll up strudel. Place seam side down on 15x11" foil-lined jellyroll pan. Repeat with remaining phyllo dough and potato mixture. (The strudels may be wrapped in aluminum foil and refrigerated up to 2 days or frozen.) Heat oven to 400°. Bake until golden brown, 25 to 30 minutes. Let rest 2 to 3 minutes. Cut into thick slices with serrated knife. Serve garnished with sour cream and chives, if desired.



Acorn Squash with Fruit Stuffing

- 3 acorn squash
- 1 20-oz can crushed pineapple, drained
- 2 medium apples, diced, about 1 1/2 cups
- 4 ribs celery, chopped
- 1 8-oz can water chestnuts, drained, chopped
- 1/3 cup melted butter
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp dry mustard
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon

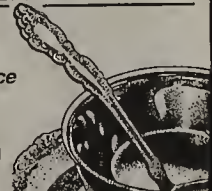
Heat oven to 350°. Cut each squash in half crosswise, so edges are scalloped. Remove seeds. Bake upside down in baking pan with a little water added, until tender, about 45 minutes. Mix remaining ingredients in large bowl. Drain water from baking pan. Turn squash right side up and fill with fruit mixture. Bake until heated through, about 15 minutes.

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SIXTY SOMETHING



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RUTH WEITZ

What's in a name?

The idea for this column came about because I read that Amandine Dupin Didevant took the nom de plume of George Sand when her writing began to be published.

As I read that I was reminded of the name I took when, at the age of 12 or 13, I began to write "The Great American Novel", a love story between an American boy and a girl from the royal family in an imaginary country. I guess I thought my name should be a fancy one so I made up "Jocelyn Sinclair" which was a pretty fancy name for a nice Jewish girl. The novel was never finished so the "fancy" name was never used.

William Shakespeare asked, "What's in a name?" a long time ago. However, he never said what Juliet's mother called her.

The dictionary defines the word "name" as a word or words by which any entity is designated and distinguished from others.

A nickname is a name that is always informal. Sometimes humorous, sometimes hurtful.

Since my name couldn't be shortened it was lengthened to Ruthie. I was always called Ruthie by my family and friends. When I became a teenager I asked to be called Ruth. My friends obliged but never any member of the family. The "ie" was always added.

When you were a kid and some other kid called you a name you did not like, do you remember what you used to answer? I remember. It was, "Sticks and stones will break my bones, but names will never hurt me." This line usually ended with my tongue sticking way out and the words, "Nah, Nah, Nah." I think that's what it sounded like. Maybe it was "Har, Har, Har."

The US president, Abraham Lincoln, was called "The Great Emancipator". He was also known as "Honest Abe". George Washington was called "The Father of his Country". In recent years, the former US president Ronald Reagan was referred to as "The Great Communicator". And I am sure you will remember "Tricky Dickie".

How about Canada's own Diefenbaker who was referred to as "Dief the Chief". And then there was the "Grey Eminence" as the former federal senator Allan MacEachen was called.

You must have heard of Sheila Copps and the other three members of the "Rat Pack".

And you know the name Brian Mulroney is called when he is not within earshot.

My brother was given the names Emanuel Moses after my mother's father. My grandfather was a cantor and he liked my brother's name. My brother did not like it and never used it. He used only the initials E.M. He was known as Manny by everyone in his wife's family and called Sonny by our parents and me and everyone else in our family.

My sister-in-law Frances was named Fanny when she was born.

My friend Rebecca calls herself Betty. Blanche is Binky. And I think of all the Sarahs who at one time became Shirley. Today the biblical names like Sarah and Rachel are back in vogue. Bernie Schwartz became Tony Curtis. And Israel Danilovitch became Kirk Douglas. Now that's a pretty far cry from his Russian Jewish name.

Some names are given to people because of their profession, like "Doc" or "Prof". Some nicknames are cruel. I remember a boy in my class way back in my public school days whom the kids called "Cockeye Levy" for the obvious reason. Kids who wore eyeglasses were called "four-eyes".

Most of us probably had a nickname at one time. How about you?

Art Works / Rose Ann Hoffenberg

Ilya Kabakov, *TWO WINDOWS*, 1998.

National Gallery of Canada

Today, more people live outside of the country into which they were born than at any other point in history. Motivated by religious, racial and ethnic discrimination, war, territorial rearrangements, political repression or poverty, exiles are forced to seek refuge.

The National Gallery of Canada has launched an ambitious, daring and thought-provoking exhibition called *Crossings* which will run until November 1, 1998.

Ambitious because 15 artists living in exile from inside and outside of Canada were invited to exhibit either an existing work or to create a work specifically for a designated space in the gallery. Some of the installations are huge causing the exhibition to spill over into many areas in the Gallery. Give yourself lots of time to see this show.

The exhibition is daring for it runs the risk of puzzled visitors passing by a work too quickly. There are difficulties in understanding that you can overcome by

reading the mini-catalogue that is provided with the price of admission. However, you should know the meaning is often buried under layers of superficial attractions (or distractions depending on your point of view).

There is confusion: by definition, contemporary art has demonstrated a break with its past. Nevertheless, by necessity, exile artists want to retain

memories from their past to compensate for their loss, while seeking a new vocabulary in the present.

Visible is a radical transformation, a cultural renewal crossing the boundaries of mainstream art to provide new meanings to contemporary art. The curator admits to the difficulties in interpreting and translating messages from foreign cultures but she has provided a venue for us to see the resulting ongoing interaction between two cultures, that ultimately changes the way we look at the world. This can only be described as bold, dar-

ing, powerful, and well worth your time.

Artists appreciate the difficulties in transformation as they toy with notions of identity, place and belonging. Some use humor to entice us into their works, some seduce us with curiosity such as Ilya Kabakov's *Two Windows*.

Kabakov, a Jewish artist, spent 30 years in the Soviet Union in internal exile. His installation reflects the totalitarian society, whose shabby, intimate spaces he left in 1988.

The curator describes it as "a labyrinth with a single entrance/exit that obliges the viewer to double back in order to leave, plays on two realities - one present, one past - presented by two windows, between which the viewer must shuttle back and forth like an exile."

The narrow, claustrophobic corridor leading to the inner window, a metaphor of frozen memory, with its clichéd view onto Red Square in the snow, underlines with Kabakov's characteristic humor the dilemma of the exile caught between the present and the inauthentic claims of nostalgic return.

This is one of many thought-provoking themes exploring the crossings of cultural, psychological and geographical boundaries in the appropriately called *Crossings* exhibition.

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Newly arrived Ottawan establishes Endowment Fund

Haze Wainberg, a newly arrived transplant from Montreal has established the Haze Wainberg Endowment Fund.

For Haze, opening up an endowment fund less than three months after her move to Ottawa was important. Not only is she making Ottawa her new home, she is committed to Jewish life here and has already advised the Foundation that all income derived from the fund will be allocated to local Jewish agencies.

"I feel that it's important to give back to the community in any way that works for you. Jewishness is an essential part of my being - it's non-negotiable. I come from seven generations of rabbis in Europe. But my father charged that when he became an entrepreneur," says Haze.

Haze was born in Edmonton and raised in Montreal. Montreal is also home to three of her four children. Lenny is the managing director for *Mad Science* productions; Heidi, a nurse is living in England; Stanley, a mechanical engineer is married to Pamela, a nursery school teacher and they are expecting to make

"Bobe Hazela" a grandma this winter; and Betsy, her youngest, works in commercial production for the 92.5 radio station.

While living in Montreal, Haze was involved in both the Jewish and secular communities. She was a community mental health consultant, a psychiatric social worker, a city councillor and acting mayor of the City of Cote St. Luc. In addition, she was a vice-president of the Jewish Junior Welfare League and worked as a volunteer for Allied Jewish Community Services. Haze has recently specialized and lectured in Laughter Therapy, which deals with treating sickness and death through positive reinforcement.

"You can't be in pain or fear and laugh at the same time. When there's laughter, there's hope," says Haze.

Since her arrival in Ottawa, Haze has been exploring venues for her artistic talents in the fine arts and music.

"I adore Ottawa. Here you can get the best of a small town while maintaining an international flair. There's a unique *'shetl'* mentality here in that three generations do hang out together and



Haze Wainberg (centre) with her children (from left) Heidi, Lenny, Betsy, Pamela and Stanley.

become genuine friends. Right now, there's a lot of toll free calling, e-mailing and extended visits with Montreal family and friends. I'm hopeful that some of

them may choose to also make Ottawa their home in the near future. However, the best way to make God laugh is to tell Him/Her about your plans," says Haze.

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Mazal Tov to Shira Taylor on her design being selected for the Kehillah Bear by Rose and Chick Taylor.

Wishing Barbara Greenberg a *ruah sh'lemah* by Rose and Chick Taylor.

Mazal Tov to Herb and Dena Gosewich on the engagement of their daughter Mandy by Rose and Chick Taylor.

In memory of Albert Pellatt by Rose and Chick Taylor.

Mazal Tov to Chick and Rose Taylor on the engagement of their son Allan to Denise by Zelaine and Sol Shinder; and by Corinne and Herb Zagerman.

ETHEL AND IRVING TAYLOR FUND

Mazal Tov to Thelma Steinman on the birth of her great-granddaughter by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

Wishing Amie Vered continued good health by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

Wishing Zeev Vered continued good health by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

Mazal Tov to Andrea and Pat Charleboix on the Bar Mitzvah of their son by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

Mazal Tov to Percy and Corinne Levine on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

Mazal Tov to Jack and Honey Baylin on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

Mazal Tov to Blanche and Joe Osterer on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

Mazal Tov to Sheila and Iv Osterer on the Bar Mitzvah of their son by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

Mazal Tov to Zelaine and Sol Shinder on the birth of their twin granddaughters Kyla and Alexandra by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

Mazal Tov to Jeff and Robin Shinder on the birth of their twin daughters by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

Mazal Tov to Myrna and Hy Beck on their marriage by Reesa and Brent Taylor.

In memory of Joe Madgar's wife by Reesa and Brent Taylor.

Mazal Tov to Fran and Stan Ages on the marriage of their son Stuart to Leila by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

Mazal Tov to Shirley Kardish on the birth of her granddaughter by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

Mazal Tov to Muel and Louis Kardish on the birth of their daughter by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

Wishing Barbara Greenberg continued good health by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

38th OTTAWA HENRY (HANK) TORONTOW

BOY SCOUT FUND

Related best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Torontow on their wedding anniversary by aunt Jean and uncle Max Naemark and family.

GILAD, ARNIE AND RON VERED FUND

Best wishes to Amie Vered for continued good health by Joany and Andy Katz.

HAZE WAINBERG FUND

In memory of Albert Pellatt by Haze Wainberg.

Congratulations to Marion Mintz on her 50th birthday by Haze Wainberg.

Related best wishes to Tommy Gussman on his 50th birthday by Haze Wainberg.

Wishing Hy Calof a speedy recovery by Haze Wainberg.

Happy 90th birthday to Louis Sheiner by Haze Wainberg.

In memory of Fred Hurwitz by Haze Wainberg.

Welcome home to Jever Wainberg by Haze Wainberg.

Wishing Audrey and Gary Miller much *nachus* in their new home by Haze Wainberg.

WASERMAN FAMILY MEMORIAL FUND

Mazal Tov to Richard and Rhonda Waserman on their 20th wedding anniversary by Dad and Phyllis Waserman.

DIANE AND IRVING WEXLER FUND

In memory of Celia Finsch by Diane Wexler and family.

In observance of the Yahrzeit of my dear parents Joseph and Freda Cohen by Diane Wexler and family.

HYMIE WHITZMAN MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Ben (Berchik) Greenberg by Judie and Fred Ross.

In memory of "Pa" Slone by Judie, Fred, David, Dean and Allison Ross.

In memory of Minam Cantor by Judie, Fred, David, Dean and Allison Ross.

CHAIM AND SELA ZARETSKY MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Marcel Smilovici by Mitchell and Michele Satov.

SANDRA AND SAM ZUNDER FUND

In memory of Ben (Berchik) Greenberg by Sam and Sandra Zunder.

Wishing Freda Steinman a *ruah sh'lemah* and wishing Freda and Leah Steinman a happy New Year by Sandra and Sam Zunder.

Contributions may be made by phoning Kayla Malay at 798-4696 extension 274, Monday to Friday anytime. We have voice mail. Attractive cards are sent to convey the appropriate sentiments. All donations are acknowledged with an official receipt for income tax purposes. We accept Visa and MasterCard.

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In Appreciation

The family of Dr. Gabriel David Warshaw z'l wishes to express deep gratitude for the kind and generous expressions of sympathy received from friends and relatives on the passing of our dearly beloved husband, father, son, son-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, nephew and uncle.

In Appreciation

To our dearest family and friends:

Words are inadequate to thank you for your prayers, good wishes and deeds, flowers, donations to charitable organizations and telephone calls during our illnesses. We are most grateful that we are both home and together to start the New Year. To all of you our love, gratitude and best wishes for a very happy and healthy New Year. G-d bless you!

Ibolya and Howard Goldberg

Claims Conference Goodwill Fund Deadline Extended to December 31, 1998

Individuals who failed to register claims for restitution of Jewish property in the former East Germany by the December 31, 1992 German Government deadline may apply to the Claims Conference Goodwill Fund.

The Claims Conference Goodwill Fund shares net proceeds from the recovery of properties which it obtained as the legal successor to unclaimed Jewish property.

Applications to the Goodwill Fund will be accepted through December 31, 1998. Please write to the address below, indicating:

- The address of the property.
- The name of the original property owner.
- Your relationship to the original owner.
- Your name and mailing address.








Claims Conference Successor Organization Goodwill Fund
Sophienstrasse 26
60487 Frankfurt am Main, Germany

To and applicants who do not have complete information, the Claims Conference is establishing a Department for Property Identification. If you believe that you or your relatives may have owned Jewish property in the former East Germany, please include as much information as possible in your application and the Department will endeavor to identify such property. Please write by December 31, 1998 to Mr. Peter Heuss, Department for Property Identification at the above address. There will be no charge for this service.

JNF Dinner, October 29

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



MONDAY, OCTOBER 12	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
SHEMINI ATZERET 	SIMCHAT TORAH	Vaad Board of Trustees Meeting, Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 7:30 p.m. Soloway Jewish Community Centre, ECE Parent Connection Meeting, Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 7:30 p.m. Malca Pass Library Book Discussion Group, Reviewer Elaine Newton, Book: The House Gun, by Nadine Gordimer, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 8:00 p.m.	Jewish Family Services/Soloway Jewish Community Centre, Adults for Lively Leisure, Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 12:00 noon.	Tiny Treasures Shabbat for Tots Drop-in-Centre, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 5:59 PM		Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel Dedication in honor of the Deputy Prime Minister Herb Gray, Machzikei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Drive, 10:00 a.m. Machzikei Hadas Congregation Talent 759, Machzikei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Drive, 1:00 p.m. Ottawa Jewish Historical Society Archives Special Banquet and Tour, Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 7:30 p.m.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
Jewish Family Services/Soloway Jewish Community Centre, Golden Age Club, Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 12:00 noon.				Tiny Treasures Shabbat for Tots Drop-in-Centre, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 5:47 PM		Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO Designer Duds, Emerald Plaza, 1547 Merivale Road, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Jewish Yiddish Hour, Gelecher un Gesang 2, Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 2:00 p.m. 
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO Designer Duds, Emerald Plaza, 1547 Merivale Road, 12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m. 		The Embassies of Germany, Israel and Poland, Carleton University, the Canadian-Polish Congress-Ottawa Branch, Jankel Adler Lecture, Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 7:00 p.m.	 Jewish National Fund Dinner honoring Moshe Feig, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 6:00 p.m.	Tiny Treasures Shabbat for Tots Drop-in-Centre, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 4:35 PM		Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO Youth Aliyah Brunch, Home of Debbie Goldstein, 11:30 a.m. Soloway Jewish Community Centre Library Official Opening, Ages Family Building, 1780 Kerr Avenue, 6:00 p.m.

This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Soloway Jewish Community Centre. Organizations which would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by Brenda Schafer, calendar co-ordinator at 798-9818 extension 265. We have voice mail. Accurate details must be provided.

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Anthony Webster (brother of Susan Pearl)

May their memories be a blessing.

The CONDOLENCE COLUMN is offered as a public service to the community.
There is no charge.

For a listing in this column, please call Kayla Mallay • 798-4696, ext. 274

Voice mail is available.

ATTENTION WOMEN BORN IN 1948!

Let's celebrate our 50th birthday together and renew friendships.

When: Sunday, November 8
Time: 12:00 noon
Where: Noah's (407 Laurier Avenue West)
Cost: The cost of your lunch
RSVP: Not later than November 3 to:
Sandra Koffman Zagon 953-2898
Sheila Beck 828-2002
Barbara Schleifer Larocque 829-4406

TELL A FRIEND!

The Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation can assist relatives and friends in establishing lasting memorial funds as an enduring tribute to loved ones.
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